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SENATOR RANDY RICHARDVILLE
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The Senate Government Operations Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2011, in the Capitol Building, Rooms 402 and 403.

Senator Richardville called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Richardville (C), Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Whitmer, and Hunter

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Richardville announced the order of business:

Adoption of committee rules

SB 397 Sen. Jones Labor; arbitration; procedures for arbitration of police and fire labor disputes; revise.

Senator Meekhof moved to adopt the committee rules for the 2011-2012 session.

Yeas: Richardville, Meekhof, Whitmer, and Hunter

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Richardville next called upon Senator Rick Jones to give an explanation of his bill, Senate Bill 397.

Senator Hildenbrand arrived for committee at 1:10 p.m.

After his explanation, Senator Jones answered questions from the committee members.

The following organizations and/or individuals gave verbal testimony and answered questions regarding Senate Bill 397:

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Peter Cohl, attorney for MI Assoc of Counties—OPPOSE
Bill Anderson, representing the MI Townships Assoc—OPPOSE
Samantha Harkins & Tony Minghine, representing the MI Municipal League—OPPOSE
Mark Docherty, representing the MI Professional Fire Fighters Union—SUPPORT
John Buczek and Harold West, representing the Fraternal Order of Police—SUPPORT

Ms. Lana Theis, Brighton Township Treasurer, submitted written testimony to the committee—OPPOSE

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in SUPPORT of SB 397, but did not wish to speak:

Joseph Mendrysa, Westland Fire Dept
Edward Hosmer, Westland Firefighters
Mark DeLander, Birmingham Fire Fighters Assoc
Chris Caton, Birmingham Fire Fighters Assoc
Mike Slack, Birmingham Fire Fighters Assoc
Ronald Achtenberg, Redford Twp Fire Dept (ret)
Bernard Brosnan, Redford Firefighters
Eric Black, Redford Twp Fire Dept, Local 1206
Gerald Rodabaugh, Portland, MI
Michael Barnhard, Harrison Twp Fire Dept
Fred Darga, Jr, Harrison Twp Fire Dept Local 1737
Robert Halston, Egelston Firefighters
Andrew Oleksiak, Hamtramck/MI Professional Fire Fighters Union
Daniel Dawe, MI Professional Fire Fighters
Terrence Chesney, MI Professional Firefighters Union
Chris Reynolds, MI Professional Firefighters Union
Brian Wieber, MI Professional Fire Fighters Union
Jason Everest, MI Professional Fire Fighters Union
Larry Winkelman, Firefighters of MI
Michael Magda, Local 1164
Robert Bock, Local 102
Glen Scafidi, Firefighters—Newport, MI
Stephen Babcock, Lansing Firefighters, Local 421
Tilyis Bolen, Local 693
Ellen Hoekstra, IUOE 334
Mike Migrid, MI State Employee Assoc

Being no further testimony on the bills, Senator Richardville requested a motion to report SB 397 with recommendation.

Senator Whitmer moved to report SB 397 with recommendation.

Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, Whitmer, and Hunter

Nays: Meekhof

The motion prevailed.

Senator Richardville requested a motion to give SB 397 immediate effect.

Senator Whitmer moved to give SB 397 immediate effect.

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Yeas: Richardville, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Whitmer, and Hunter

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Senate Government Operations Committee reported SB 397 with recommendation to the Committee of the Whole and further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Richardville adjourned the meeting without objection at 1:54 p.m.

8 November 2011

Date approved by Committee